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LACK OF CONCERN OVER ISSUE "CONTINGENCY PLANS" AND WHETHER  
GDR OFFICIALS REPLACE SOVIET OFFICIALS IN ADMINISTERING BERLIN  
TRAFFIC CONTROLS. HE IS EVEN UNCONCERNED ABOUT "RECOGNITION"  
GDR. HIS POSITION IS THAT THERE IS NO ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN SOVIETS AND GDR FOR THESE PURPOSES AND THAT REAL  
ISSUE IS WHAT TO DO WHEN EITHER SOVIETS OR GDR ATTEMPT USE  
FORCE PREVENT ACCESS TO BERLIN OR START PROCESS OF HARASSMENT  
OR STRANGULATION DESIGNED TO FORCE US OUT.

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THIS HIGHLIGHTS  
GENERAL BRITISH DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING ISSUE OF "RECOGNITION"  
AS POINT WHERE WEST MUST DRAW LINE. SAME DIFFICULTY CAME OUT  
IN DISCUSSION WITH SIX INFLUENTIAL TORY BACKBENCHERS AT  
LUNCHEON AT AMBASSADOR'S HOME TODAY (WHICH IS BEING REPORTED  
SEPARATELY).

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